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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - SEPTEMBER 1991

Overall Rhode Island wage and salary jobs climbed to 435,900 in September, mainly the result of education-related employment gains which more than offset declines in Wholesale/Retail Trade and Contract Construction. Despite the monthly increase of 4,300, the September job total remained 14,200 below the year ago figure of 450,100.

Employment in the Service Producing sector rose by 4,700 from August to the September level of 328,000; however, this job total was down 4,300 on an annual basis. Monthly employment increases in both Government (+4,100) and Services (+2,300) reflected the return of school personnel. Trade employment posted a seasonal downturn of 1,000 for the month, while job levels in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and Transportation & Public Utilities fell by 500 and 200, respectively.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector totaled 107,900 in September, a loss of 400 from the previous month and 9,900 from the September 1990 level. Contract Construction, at 14,900, registered a seasonal monthly decline of 800 and an annual reduction of 3,900 jobs. In contrast, the Manufacturing industry expanded by 400 jobs over the month to the September figure of 93,000. Compared to a year ago, however, jobs in this industry diminished by 6,000.

Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported an increase of 300 jobs in September while employment in Nondurable Goods was up 100. Within the factory segment, the largest August-September job gain (+400) occurred in Jewelry-Silverware, followed by an upturn of 200 in Miscellaneous Manufacturing. These increases, along with smaller monthly advances of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Chemical Products, more than offset decreases of 100 each in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Instruments and Apparel. Job totals for the remaining eleven segments - five in Durable Goods and six in Nondurable Goods - showed no change from August to September.

The September work week averaged 41.8 hours, up 1.9 hours from the prior month and 1.6 hours from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.66 per hour in September, representing a gain of 1 cent from August and 15 cents compared to September 1990.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 9.6 percent in September, up 0.4 of a percentage point from the previous month's estimate of 9.2 percent. The State's unadjusted rate also posted a monthly increase - from 8.5 percent in August to 9.2 percent in September. In concert with the higher unemployment rate, the September jobless total was estimated at 47,200, reflecting an increase of 3,600 from the month earlier estimate. One year ago, the adjusted and unadjusted rates were placed at 6.5 and 6.4 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed stood at 32,700.

Nationally, both the adjusted and unadjusted rates decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point over the month. The U.S. adjusted rate dropped to 6.7 percent, while the unadjusted rate slipped to 6.4 percent. A year ago September, the rates were estimated at 5.7 percent (adjusted) and 5.5 percent (unadjusted).

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration recently released a list of Labor Surplus Areas (LSA's). On the list, which became effective October 1, 1991 and will remain in effect through September 30, 1992, are the following communities:

BRISTOL	*LITTLE COMPTON**	*SMITHFIELD**
*BURRILLVILLE**	*NEW SHOREHAM*	*TIVERTON*
CENTRAL FALLS	*NORTH SMITHFIELD**	*WARREN*
*CUMBERLAND**	*PAWTUCKET**	*WEST WARWICK**
*LINCOLN**	*PROVIDENCE**	*WOONSOCKET*

Employers located in Labor Surplus Areas may be given preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct the government's procurement dollars into areas where people are in the most severe economic need based on their high unemployment rates.

A civil jurisdiction is classified as a Labor Surplus Area when its average unemployment rate is at least 20 percent above the average unemployment rate for all states during the previous two calendar years. Based upon an average unemployment rate for all states of 5.5 percent for 1989-1990, the qualifying unemployment rate for the LSA classification is 6.6 percent for a civil jurisdiction using the two year reference period.

In addition, LSA regulations permit the U.S. Department of Labor to waive the basic qualifying criteria when an area's unemployment increases substantially due to "exceptional circumstances" which may result from major plant closings or cutbacks, contract cancellations, or catastrophic events such as fires, floods and other major disasters. The Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training is responsible for initiating the preparation and submittal of petitions requesting LSA classification on the basis of "exceptional circumstances" criteria.

* These areas qualified on the basis of "exceptional circumstances"

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

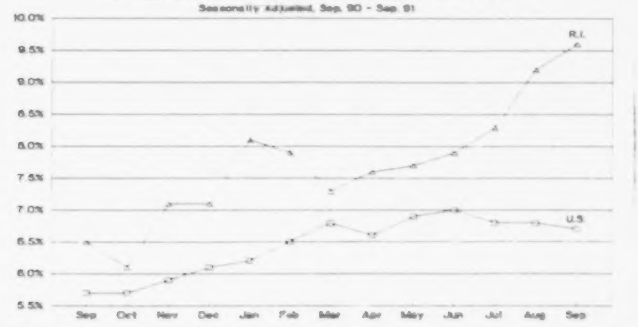
	Sep. 1991	Aug.* 1991	Sep.* 1990	
Civilian Labor Force	510.3	515.7	512.2	
Resident Employment	463.2	472.1	479.5	
Unemployment	47.2	43.6	32.7	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.2	8.5	6.4	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.6	9.2	6.5	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	125,405	126,097	124,779
Resident Employment	117,335	117,859	117,961
Unemployment	8,070	8,237	6,818
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	6.5	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.7	6.8	5.7

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sep. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	435.9	431.6	450.1	+ 4300	- 14200
GOODS PRODUCING	107.9	108.3	117.8	- 400	- 9900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.9	15.7	18.8	- 800	- 3900
MANUFACTURING	93.0	92.6	99.0*	+ 400	- 6000
SERVICE PRODUCING	328.0	323.3	332.3	+ 4700	- 4300
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.4	15.6	15.9	- 200	- 500
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	93.2	94.2	97.3	- 1000	- 4100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.8	26.3	27.0	- 500	- 1200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.6	127.3	128.9	+ 2300	+ 700
GOVERNMENT	64.0	59.9	63.2	+ 4100	+ 800

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

SEPTEMBER 1991

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES		
		Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	93.0	403.79	41.8	9.66
DURABLE MFG.	61.9	413.10	42.5	9.72
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.5	435.47	38.3	11.37
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.3	465.31	39.5	11.78
PRIMARY METALS	3.7	416.56	41.0	10.16
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	381.80	41.5	9.20
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	570.64	48.4	11.79
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.5	386.71	39.3	9.84
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.4	569.82	43.9	12.98
INSTRUMENTS	6.2	467.12	44.7	10.45
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.5	338.78	42.4	7.99
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	374.69	42.1	8.90
NONDURABLE MFG.	31.1	382.70	40.2	9.52
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.7	380.64	41.6	9.15
TEXTILES	8.4	359.53	42.7	8.42
APPAREL	1.5	271.70	38.0	7.15
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	401.74	42.2	9.52
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	421.04	33.9	12.42
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	452.80	38.8	11.67
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	420.16	39.6	10.61
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.3	440.32	41.5	10.61
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	262.64	39.2	6.70

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - OCTOBER 1991

Overall nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Rhode Island rose for the third consecutive month, climbing to 438,500 in October. The monthly increase of 2,700 in the job total was mainly due to education-related employment gains in Services and Government. Compared to a year ago, however, the October job figure was down by 13,600.

Employment in the Service Producing sector advanced 2,500 in the September-October period to 330,500, but showed a decline of 4,100 compared to the year earlier figure. Within this sector, job levels in Services and Government posted the most substantial monthly increases (primarily education-related) of 2,000 and 800, respectively. A seasonal downturn in Wholesale/Retail Trade resulted in an overall decline of 300 jobs from last month. Employment in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and Transportation & Public Utilities was unchanged from September.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector totaled 108,000 in October, reflecting a monthly gain of 200, but an annual decrease of 9,500. Contract Construction jobs showed no change from the September level of 14,900, but were down 3,200 compared to October 1990. Total factory employment rose by 200 to 93,100 in October; however, this figure was 6,300 below the year earlier job level. Employment in the Durable Goods category increased 400 from the previous month while the Nondurable Goods category registered a decline of 200. The largest monthly job gain (+300) occurred in Jewelry-Silverware, followed by smaller increases of 100 each in Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Food-Beverage. These upturns more than offset monthly reductions of 100 each in Miscellaneous Manufacturing, Textiles, Printing-Publishing and Leather Products. The remaining eleven segments - six in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from their September levels.

The October work week averaged 40.8 hours, down 0.3 of an hour from the prior month, but up 1 hour compared to a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.70 per hour in October, reflecting an increase of 6 cents from September and 14 cents from the October 1990 figure.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 9.8 percent in October, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the September estimate of 9.7 percent. The state's unadjusted rate decreased from September to October, dropping by two-tenths of a percentage point to 9.0 percent. Correspondingly, the number of unemployed persons in Rhode Island declined to 45,800, down 1,400 over the month. A year ago the state's seasonally adjusted rate was estimated at 6.1 percent while the unadjusted rate stood at 5.8 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate rose to 6.8 percent in October from an estimated 6.7 percent in September. The U.S. unadjusted rate was unchanged at 6.4 percent from September to October. One year ago the national rates were placed at 5.7 percent (adjusted) and 5.4 percent (unadjusted).

1992 TAXABLE WAGE BASES

The taxable wage bases for the Unemployment Insurance and Temporary Disability Insurance programs have been determined for calendar year 1992. John M. Robinson, Director of the Department of Employment and Training, recently announced that the wage bases on which taxes will be paid during the 1992 tax year, which begins January 1, will be $15,200 for Unemployment Insurance and $38,000 for Temporary Disability Insurance.

The employee contribution rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will remain at 1.3 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base. Employers will be notified of their individual U.I. tax rates in January.

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
401K and 125 Plans

Unlike the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), the Rhode Island Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance Acts contain no provision to treat payments made under a deferred compensation (IRC 401K) plan any differently than ordinary wages. Therefore, wages paid into a deferred compensation fund under an IRC 401K plan are subject to Employment Security, Temporary Disability Insurance and Job Development Fund taxes.

In addition, the amounts of employee salary reductions for benefits under a cafeteria (IRC 125) plan as well as cash benefits provided by an employer over and above gross pay under a cafeteria (IRC 125) plan are also considered to be wages subject to Employment Security, Temporary Disability Insurance, and Job Development Fund taxes.

However, non-cash benefits provided by an employer over and above gross pay under a cafeteria (IRC 125) plan are exempt from these taxes if they meet the specific criteria prescribed in section 28-42-3(17)(B) of the R.I. Employment Security Act. Such non-cash benefits include payments made by an employer for insurance (including medical or hospitalization insurance) or annuities for employees.

Further information on this subject may be obtained by calling the department's Tax Unit at 277-3696.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

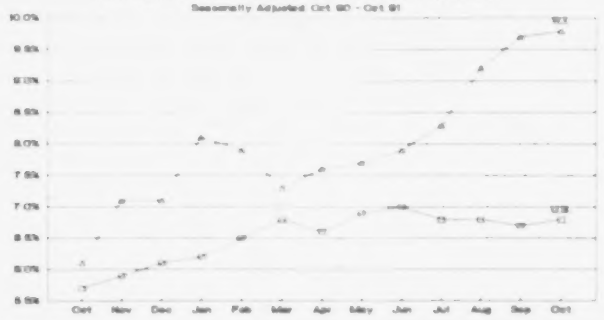
	Oct. 1991	Sep.* 1991	Oct.* 1990	
Civilian Labor Force	508.5	510.3	513.3	
Resident Employment	462.7	463.1	483.5	
Unemployment	45.8	47.2	29.8	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.0	9.2	5.8	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.8	9.7	6.1	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1991	Sep. 1991	Oct. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	125,568	125,405	125,020
Resident Employment	117,555	117,335	118,299
Unemployment	8,013	8,070	6,722
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	6.4	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.8	6.7	5.7

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Oct. 1991	Sep. 1991	Oct. 1990	NET CHANGE FROM Sep. 1991	Oct. 1990
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	438.5	435.8	452.1	+ 2700	- 13600
GOODS PRODUCING	108.0	107.8	117.5	+ 200	- 9500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.9	14.9	18.1	-	- 3200
MANUFACTURING	93.1	92.9	99.4*	+ 200	- 6300
SERVICE PRODUCING	330.5	328.0	334.6	+ 2500	- 4100
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.5	15.5	15.9	-	- 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	92.9	93.2	96.5	- 300	- 3600
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.9	25.9	27.0	-	- 1100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	131.7	129.7	130.4*	+ 2000	+ 1300
GOVERNMENT	64.5	63.7	64.8	+ 800	- 300

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

OCTOBER 1991

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	93.1	395.76	40.8	9.70
DURABLE MFG.	62.2	401.55	41.1	9.77
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.4	428.66	36.7	11.68
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.3	460.60	37.6	12.25
PRIMARY METALS	3.7	436.13	41.3	10.56
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	371.84	39.6	9.39
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.1	542.92	45.7	11.88
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.6	375.89	38.2	9.84
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.4	596.32	45.8	13.02
INSTRUMENTS	6.2	452.98	43.1	10.51
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.8	325.48	41.2	7.90
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	311.32	36.2	8.60
NONDURABLE MFG.	30.9	384.31	40.2	9.56
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	378.43	41.0	9.23
TEXTILES	8.3	364.66	42.7	8.54
APPAREL	1.5	268.60	37.1	7.24
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	394.79	40.7	9.70
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	420.58	33.3	12.63
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	432.82	38.1	11.36
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	431.79	38.9	11.10
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.3	452.84	43.5	10.41
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.8	263.47	39.5	6.67

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Total Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs declined by 600 to the November level of 437,100, as decreases in the Service Producing industries more than offset a slight increase in the Goods Producing sector. Compared to a year ago, the November figure represented a reduction of 14,500 jobs.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector rose slightly (+100) in the October - November period to 107,600, but decreased 8,700 from the year earlier level. Contract Construction jobs, at 14,800, posted a monthly increase of 100, but an annual downturn of 2,800. The number of factory jobs was unchanged from the October figure of 92,800; however, manufacturing employment was down 5,900 from the November 1990 level.

Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly decline of 300 jobs while those in Nondurable Goods registered a gain of 300. Monthly employment increases of 100 each were posted in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Instruments, Food-Beverage, Apparel and Leather Products. In contrast, job declines of 200 each occurred in Transportation Equipment and Jewelry-Silverware, followed by job losses of 100 each in Lumber/ Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass. The remaining factory segments - three in Durable Goods and six in Nondurable Goods - showed no change from October.

The November work week averaged 39.9 hours, down 1.3 hours from the previous month, but up 0.3 of an hour compared to a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.75 per hour in November, showing a gain of 7 cents from October and 10 cents from the November 1990 figure.

Employment among the Service Producing industries dropped to 329,500 in November - down 700 from the prior month and 5,800 from a year ago. Within this sector, the largest overall monthly decline (-800), occurred in Miscellaneous Services, primarily the result of seasonal decreases. Both Transportation & Public Utilities and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate recorded monthly job reductions of 100. Trade employment was unchanged from October to November, while Government jobs increased by 300. In the former industry, small increases in retail trade were offset by declines throughout the remaining segments. The upturn in the latter industry was primarily education-related.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up one-tenth of a percentage point in November to an estimated 9.9 percent. The state's unadjusted rate decreased in the October-November period from 9.0 percent to 8.7 percent. Corresponding to this decline, the jobless total fell to 43,800 in November from the October level of 45,800. One year ago, the Rhode Island rates were estimated at 7.1 percent (adjusted) and 6.4 percent (unadjusted).

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November was unchanged from the month earlier estimate of 6.8 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point - from 6.4 percent in October to 6.6 percent in November. A year ago the unemployment rates for the nation stood at 5.9 percent (adjusted) and 5.8 percent (unadjusted).

1992 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAXES

The ongoing recession and accompanying high unemployment rates in Rhode Island have resulted in a record payout of $232.4 million in net unemployment benefits during the twelve months ending September 30, 1991. Unemployment Insurance taxes paid by employers to finance these benefits totalled only $98.9 million for the same period.

As a result, reserves in the Employment Security Fund have fallen to $158.3 million as of September 30, a decrease of $111.5 million from September 30, 1990 when reserves stood at $269.8 million. Unemployment Insurance payments first began to exceed receipts from employer tax payments in 1990 when the state's unemployment rate began to rise.

The large drop in Employment Security Fund reserves will cause Rhode Island employers to pay higher unemployment insurance taxes in 1992. The tax schedule to be in effect for each year is determined by the financial condition of the Employment Security Fund. This is measured by the Reserve Ratio of the Fund as of September 30 of the preceding year.

The Fund reserve balance on September 30, 1991, totalled $158,289,450 which translates into a Reserve Ratio equal to 3.95% of the $4,009,792,881 in average annual taxable wages paid by Rhode Island employers during the three years ending June 30, 1991. Because this reserve ratio is less than 5.0% it will trigger in Tax Schedule I which contains rates ranging from 2.2% to 8.3%.

Tax Schedule I is the highest of the nine schedules and 1992 will be the first year since 1987 that this Schedule I will apply.

The payroll tax for new employers - those who have not been covered by the Employment Security Act for three full experience years - will be 2.5% in 1992.

Rhode Island employers will be notified of their individual tax rates prior to April 1, 1992. The wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1992 tax year is $15,200.

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Civilian Labor Force	506.2	508.1	512.1
Resident Employment	462.5	462.3	479.5
Unemployment	43.8	45.8	32.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.7	9.0	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.9	9.8	7.1

*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	125,396	125,568	124,821
Resident Employment	117,110	117,555	117,611
Unemployment	8,286	8,013	7,211
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.6	6.4	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.8	6.8	5.9

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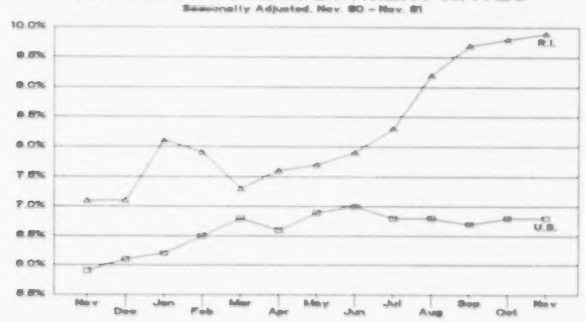

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CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.8	14.7	17.6	+ 100	- 2800
MANUFACTURING	92.8	92.8	98.7	-	- 5900
SERVICE PRODUCING	329.5	330.2	335.3	- 700	- 5800
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.4	15.5	15.8	- 100	- 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	93.1	93.1	97.2	-	- 4100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.8	25.9	27.2	- 100	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	130.3	131.1	129.9	- 800	+ 400
GOVERNMENT	64.9	64.6	65.2	+ 300	- 300

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	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
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DURABLE MFG.	61.6	392.35	40.2	9.76
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.3	389.41	34.8	11.19
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	449.84	40.2	11.19
PRIMARY METALS	3.8	430.08	42.0	10.24
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	376.00	40.3	9.33
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	525.71	43.7	12.03
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.6	381.38	38.1	10.01
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.2	476.19	36.8	12.94
INSTRUMENTS	6.3	465.52	44.0	10.58
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.5	314.41	39.4	7.98
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	402.48	43.0	9.36
NONDURABLE MFG.	31.2	383.94	39.5	9.72
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	364.25	36.1	10.09
TEXTILES	8.3	361.09	41.6	8.68
APPAREL	1.6	233.02	33.1	7.04
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	407.04	42.4	9.60
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	466.62	36.8	12.68
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	478.38	42.0	11.39
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	417.35	39.9	10.46
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.3	422.01	39.7	10.63
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	257.18	38.5	6.68

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - DECEMBER 1991

Overall Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs declined in the November-December period as a result of losses in the Goods Producing sector. The December job total of 435,400 represented a monthly reduction of 1,800 and an annual decrease of 13,200.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector was unchanged from the November figure of 329,700, but was down 5,600 compared to a year ago. Within this sector, the only monthly job gain (+300) occurred in Miscellaneous Services. In contrast, employment levels in Transportation & Public Utilities and Wholesale/Retail Trade fell by 200 and 100, respectively. Employment in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and overall Government showed no change from the prior month.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector totalled 105,700 in December, reflecting a decrease of 1,800 from the November level and 7,600 from the year ago figure. Contract Construction employment was estimated at 14,000 in December, showing a monthly downturn of 600 and an annual decline of 2,600. Factory employment fell by 1,200 over the month to 91,700, which was 5,000 below the December 1990 level. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly job loss of 900, while employment in Nondurable Goods was off 300. A monthly job reduction of 500 was recorded in Jewelry-Silverware, followed by decreases in Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-300) and Textiles (-200). Smaller monthly declines of 100 each were posted in Instruments and Printing-Publishing. Job totals for the remaining fourteen factory segments - seven each in Durable and Nondurable Goods - were unchanged over the month.

The December workweek averaged 40.2 hours, unchanged from both the prior month and a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.70 per hour in December showing an increase of six cents from the November figure and one cent compared to a year ago.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.5 percent in December, a decline of 1.3 percentage points from the November estimate of 9.8 percent. The State's unadjusted rate also posted a monthly decrease - from an estimated 8.7 percent in November to 7.7 percent in December. Accordingly, the December jobless total dropped to 39,300, showing a reduction of 4,600 from the month earlier level. One year ago, the adjusted and unadjusted rates were placed at 7.1 and 6.5 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed stood at 33,400.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate advanced by two-tenths of a percentage point to an estimated 7.1 percent in December. The U.S. unadjusted rate also increased over the month - from 6.6 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December. A year ago the unemployment rates for the nation stood at 6.1 percent (adjusted) and 5.9 percent (unadjusted).

USE THE R.I. JOB SERVICE - GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!

Employers, you pay for the Rhode Island Job Service whether you use it or not. Your support entitles you to use the Job Service to recruit job ready workers. Now, more than ever, we have many qualified and experienced workers available for full or part time jobs. To access the skills, knowledge and abilities of these workers, please place your order with the Rhode Island Job Bank at 277-3588, by FAX at 723-3149, or call one of our ten local Job Service offices in your area.

When placing your job orders, please be sure to include the following information:

EMPLOYER NAME -	
ADDRESS -	Include Zip Code.
CONTACT PERSON -	Name of individual to call about referral.
TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) -	
JOB TITLE -	
JOB DUTIES -	Describe major tasks - purpose - method - material used - tools or mechanics used. Include any unusual lifting or physical requirements - working conditions or other significant factors.
NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS AND NUMBER OF REFERRALS DESIRED -	
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED -	Months or Trainee
EDUCATION REQUIRED -	Years or Read and Write (only if essential)
HOURS -	Per day - week - shift (permanent or short term opening)
PAY RATE AND UNIT -	Hour - day - week - month - year - other
BENEFITS -	Hospital - insurance - vacation - holidays - pension - incentives
DIRECTIONS TO EMPLOYER -	If necessary

We look forward to assisting you in finding the best available applicants for your job openings.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1991	Nov.* 1991	Dec.* 1990	
Civilian Labor Force	508.6	506.4	513.6	
Resident Employment	469.3	462.5	480.2	
Unemployment	39.3	43.9	33.4	
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.7	8.7	6.5	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	8.5	9.8	7.1	*Revised

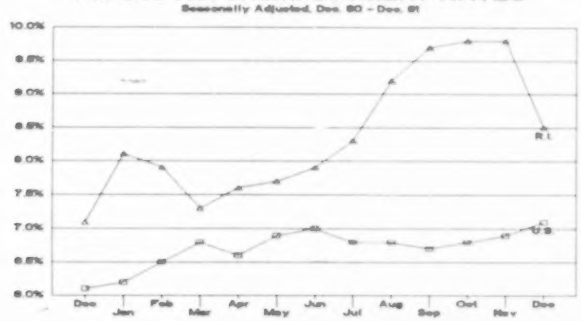
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	125,108	125,396	124,630
Resident Employment	116,549	117,110	117,287
Unemployment	8,559	8,286	7,343
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.6	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.1	6.9	6.1

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, Dec. 90 – Dec. 91



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Dec. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990	NET CHANGE FROM Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	435.4	437.2	448.6	- 1800	- 13200
GOODS PRODUCING	105.7	107.5	113.3	- 1800	- 7600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.0	14.6	16.6	- 600	- 2600
MANUFACTURING	91.7	92.9	96.7	- 1200	- 5000
SERVICE PRODUCING	329.7	329.7	335.3	-	- 5600
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.5	15.6	- 200	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	93.1	93.2	97.1	- 100	- 4000
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.8	25.8	26.9	-	- 1100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	130.6	130.3	130.4	+ 300	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	64.9	64.9	65.3	-	- 400

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

DECEMBER 1991

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	91.7	389.94	40.2	9.70
DURABLE MFG.	60.7	395.28	40.5	9.76
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.4	429.03	37.7	11.33
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	431.23	38.4	11.23
PRIMARY METALS	3.7	422.18	41.8	10.10
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	377.60	40.0	9.44
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	555.51	45.2	12.29
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.6	381.00	38.1	10.00
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.2	513.76	41.6	12.35
INSTRUMENTS	6.2	460.34	43.8	10.51
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.0	312.24	38.5	8.11
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.2	357.41	42.6	8.39
NONDURABLE MFG.	31.0	381.28	39.8	9.58
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	374.81	38.8	9.66
TEXTILES	8.1	365.90	42.3	8.65
APPAREL	1.6	251.41	38.5	6.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	399.63	42.2	9.47
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	405.41	31.5	12.87
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	464.94	40.5	11.48
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	447.75	39.8	11.25
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.3	444.70	41.6	10.69
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	252.45	39.2	6.44

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JANUARY 1992

Total Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs declined in January as substantial decreases occurred in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing industries of the state's economy. The January job total of 410,500 represented a monthly reduction of 13,900 and was 12,900 below the year earlier figure.

Employment Estimates Revised

Published estimates for 1990 and 1991 have been revised to a first quarter 1991 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1990-1991.

Employment among the Goods Producing industries was estimated at 99,100 in January, reflecting a downturn of 4,300 from the prior month and 7,500 from a year ago. Contract Construction jobs, at 10,800, were down 1,900 on a monthly basis and 2,800 compared to a year ago. Overall manufacturing employment fell to 88,300 in January, showing a reduction of 2,400 from December and 4,700 from January 1991. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly loss of 1,800 jobs, while those in Nondurable Goods registered a decrease of 600. Within the factory sector, the most substantial monthly job declines were evident in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,400). For the same period, Leather Products and Fabricated Metals recorded downturns of 300 and 200, respectively. Smaller monthly decreases of 100 each were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery, Textiles, Paper Products and Plastics Products. In contrast, Transportation Equipment was the only factory segment which reflected a monthly increase (+100). Job levels in the remaining manufacturing segments - four in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from the previous month.

The January work week averaged 40.1 hours, down 0.5 of an hour from December, but up one hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.72 per hour in January, showing a drop of one cent from the prior month and three cents from a year ago.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 311,400 in January, representing a decline of 9,600 from December and 5,400 from the January 1991 figure. Seasonal decreases in Wholesale/Retail Trade (-3,400) along with declines in Miscellaneous Services (-5,000, primarily education-related) accounted for the largest overall monthly loss. Both Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and Government recorded monthly downturns of 500, followed by a decrease of 200 in Transportation & Public Utilities.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.0 percent in January, a decline of three-tenths of a percentage point from the December level of 8.3 percent. The state's unadjusted rate posted a monthly increase - climbing from 7.8 percent in December to 8.1 percent in January. Correspondingly, the January jobless total increased to 41,200, reflecting an increase of 1,800 from the December figure. One year ago, the adjusted and unadjusted rates were estimated at 8.1 and 8.3 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed stood at 42,000.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged from the December estimate of 7.1 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate increased over the month - from 6.8 percent in December to 8.0 percent in January. A year ago the estimates for the country were placed at 6.2 percent (seasonally adjusted) and 7.0 percent (unadjusted).

Have You Heard About WORKSHARING?

WORKSHARING is a program which provides employers with an alternative to the often agonizing prospect of laying off workers when business declines. This program allows employers to retain skilled workers and allows workers to keep their jobs.

These are just some of the advantages:

- Employers can retain skilled workers.
- Reduces hiring and retraining costs when business improves.
- Employees avoid financial and emotional hardships usually associated with layoffs.
- May improve employee morale.

WORKSHARING could be a viable alternative for companies considering layoffs. This is a new program and is available to any private employer with two or more employees.

Call Sandy Arruda at 727-4992 for details. If you wish, arrangements can be made to conduct an informational session at your workplace. *Put **WORKSHARING** to work for you!*

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1992	Dec.* 1991	Jan.* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	506.7	508.2	504.8	
Resident Employment	465.5	468.8	462.7	
Unemployment	41.2	39.4	42.0	
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	7.8	8.3	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	8.0	8.3	8.1	*Revised

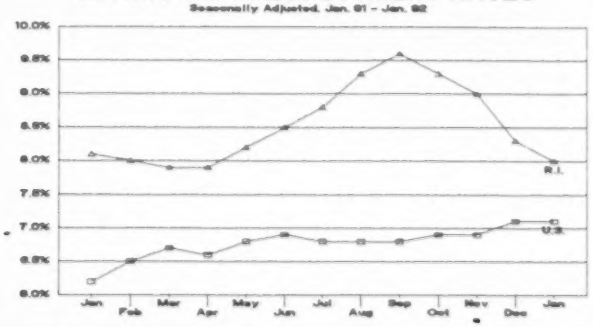
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991
Civilian Labor Force	125,072	125,108	123,585
Resident Employment	115,122	116,549	114,990
Unemployment	9,949	8,559	8,595
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0	6.8	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.1	7.1	6.2

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, Jan. 91 - Jan. 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991	NET CHANGE FROM Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	410.5	424.4	423.4	- 13900	- 12900
GOODS PRODUCING	99.1	103.4	106.6	- 4300	- 7500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.8	12.7	13.6	- 1900	- 2800
MANUFACTURING	88.3	90.7	93.0	- 2400	- 4700
SERVICE PRODUCING	311.4	321.0	316.8	- 9600	- 5400
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.3	14.5	14.9	- 200	- 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	86.1	89.5	89.2	- 3400	- 3100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.3	25.8	26.7	- 500	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	124.5	129.5	122.5	- 5000	+ 2000
GOVERNMENT	61.2	61.7	63.5	- 500	- 2300

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JANUARY 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	88.3	389.77	40.1	9.72
DURABLE MFG.	58.9	388.40	40.0	9.71
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.3	421.51	36.4	11.58
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	445.60	40.0	11.14
PRIMARY METALS	3.5	435.45	42.4	10.27
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	344.79	37.6	9.17
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.2	551.90	46.3	11.92
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.6	373.64	38.8	9.63
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.5	516.86	42.4	12.19
INSTRUMENTS	6.2	441.28	39.4	11.20
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.2	310.47	39.4	7.88
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	329.00	38.3	8.59
NONDURABLE MFG.	29.4	390.98	40.1	9.75
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	387.99	40.5	9.58
TEXTILES	7.7	379.53	42.5	8.93
APPAREL	1.3	263.40	40.9	6.44
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	383.52	40.8	9.40
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.4	405.45	30.1	13.47
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	468.12	40.6	11.53
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	430.99	36.9	11.68
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	438.06	42.0	10.43
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.5	288.23	42.2	6.83

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - FEBRUARY 1992

Overall Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs increased for the first time since October, climbing by 600 over the month to the February level of 412,000. The monthly upturn in February's employment figure was primarily the result of education-related increases in the Service Producing sector which more than offset declines in the Goods Producing industries. Although the February job total reflected a monthly gain, it was 8,200 below the year earlier estimate of 420,200.

Employment in the Service Producing sector, estimated at 313,700 in February, advanced by 1,400 from the prior month, but decreased 1,200 compared to a year ago. Within this sector, a substantial monthly job gain (+2,800) was registered in Miscellaneous Services, mainly due to increases in private education. Overall Government employment rose by 500 in the January-February period. In contrast, Wholesale/Retail Trade and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate posted monthly job declines of 1,800 and 100, respectively. Employment in Transportation & Public Utilities was unchanged from the prior month.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector dipped to 98,300 in February, reflecting a monthly decrease of 800 and an annual reduction of 7,000. Both Contract Construction and Manufacturing employment continued their downtrend in February. Construction employment, at 10,800, recorded a monthly decrease of 100, while Manufacturing employment declined by 700 to the February level of 87,500. Compared to a year ago, job losses in the former industry numbered 1,700, while those in the latter totalled 5,300. Within the factory segment, manufacturers of Durable and Nondurable goods reported downturns of 200 and 500, respectively. Monthly job gains of 100 each occurred in Jewelry-Silverware and Plastics Products. These increases were overshadowed, however, by a job decline of 300 in Leather Products along with losses of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Non-electrical Machinery, Food-Beverage, Apparel and Rubber Products. Job totals in the remaining ten industries - six in Durable Goods and four in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from their January levels.

The February work week averaged 39.6 hours, down 0.4 of an hour from January and 0.5 of an hour compared to February 1991. Production workers averaged $9.73 per hour in February, showing a decrease of one cent from both last month and year ago.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent in February from an estimated 8.0 percent in January. The state's unadjusted rate rose from 8.2 percent in January to 8.3 percent in February while the jobless total increased by 700 to the February level of 42,300. One year ago, the Rhode Island unemployment rates stood at 8.0 percent (seasonally adjusted) and 8.6 percent (unadjusted).

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate climbed to 7.3 percent in February, up from the month earlier estimate of 7.1 percent and the February 1991 figure of 6.5 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point - from 8.0 percent in January to 8.1 percent in February. A year ago the unadjusted rate for the country was estimated at 7.2 percent.

EMPLOYER TAX CREDITS FROM RHODE ISLAND

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program (TJTC) has been simplified. The Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training now offers a centralized mail-in system for the TJTC certification program. Employers can request this eligibility review process through the mail.

As an employer doing business in the state of Rhode Island, you may qualify for a federal tax credit of up to $2,400 for each new employee hired from an eligible target group. The employee must work a minimum of 90 days or 120 hours of paid employment.

Notices regarding the implementation of this mail-in program were recently sent to all Rhode Island employers. If you did not receive a packet or would like further information, contact the TJTC central unit at **277-3559.**

It's a convenient way to save federal income tax dollars and help someone who is in need of employment through job training.

.....We're working to meet your needs.....

WORKSHARING IN RHODE ISLAND...

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	Feb. 1992	Jan.* 1992	Feb.* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	511.5	507.5	507.6	
Resident Employment	469.2	465.9	464.0	
Unemployment	42.3	41.6	43.6	
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.3	8.2	8.6	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.7	8.0	8.0	*Revised

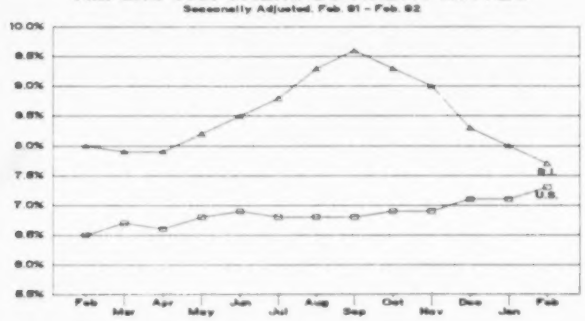
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991
Civilian Labor Force	125,386	125,072	124,070
Resident Employment	115,224	115,122	115,151
Unemployment	10,161	9,949	8,919
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	8.0	7.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.3	7.1	6.5

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, Feb. 91 - Feb. 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991	NET CHANGE FROM Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	412.0	411.4	420.2	+ 600	- 8200
GOODS PRODUCING	98.3	99.1	105.3	- 800	- 7000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.8	10.9	12.5	- 100	- 1700
MANUFACTURING	87.5	88.2	92.8	- 700	- 5300
SERVICE PRODUCING	313.7	312.3	314.9	+ 1400	- 1200
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.1	14.1	14.7	-----	- 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	84.5	86.3	87.1	- 1800	- 2600
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.2	25.3	26.6	- 100	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	128.2	125.4	123.5	+ 2800	+ 4700
GOVERNMENT	61.7	61.2	63.0	+ 500	- 1300

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

FEBRUARY 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	87.5	385.31	39.6	9.73
DURABLE MFG.	58.6	386.06	39.8	9.70
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.3	414.96	38.0	10.92
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.1	422.59	37.9	11.15
PRIMARY METALS	3.4	437.25	42.7	10.24
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	350.49	38.6	9.08
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.1	545.25	45.4	12.01
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.6	378.65	39.9	9.49
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.4	503.84	41.4	12.17
INSTRUMENTS	6.2	431.59	39.2	11.01
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.3	299.09	38.1	7.85
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	367.62	39.7	9.26
NONDURABLE MFG.	28.9	385.53	39.3	9.81
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	382.30	40.2	9.51
TEXTILES	7.6	371.96	41.7	8.92
APPAREL	1.1	244.60	35.5	6.89
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	381.19	40.9	9.32
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.4	404.13	30.5	13.25
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	455.66	39.9	11.42
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.6	433.13	38.5	11.25
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	428.63	40.9	10.48
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	279.89	39.7	7.05

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - MARCH 1992

Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs increased in March as an overall monthly gain (+1,400) in the Service Producing industries more than offset a decline (-400) in the Goods Producing sector. The March job total of 413,200 reflected a monthly upturn of 1,000 but an annual reduction of 7,200.

Employment among the Service Producing industries advanced 1,400 over the month to the March level of 315,300; however, this figure remained 100 below the March 1991 job total. The bulk of the monthly job increase was concentrated in Government which rose by 900 primarily due to gains in the local government segment. Miscellaneous Services employment recorded a monthly upturn of 300, followed by increases of 100 each in Wholesale/Retail Trade and Transportation & Public Utilities. Employment in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate was unchanged from February to March.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector totalled 97,900 in March, representing a drop of 400 from the previous month and 7,100 from the March 1991 level. Contract Construction employment was estimated at 10,900 in March, reflecting a seasonal increase of 100. On an annual basis, however, employment in this industry was down 1,700. Manufacturing employment continued its downtrend, dropping to 87,000 in March, showing a decrease of 500 from February and 5,400 compared to a year ago. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly loss of 400, while employment in Nondurable Goods was off 100. Within the factory sector, the only monthly job gain (+100) occurred in Textiles. This upturn was overshadowed by monthly declines in Electrical Machinery (-200), Lumber/Furniture, Instruments, Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing (-100 each). Job totals for the thirteen remaining manufacturing industries - seven in Durable Goods and six in Nondurable Goods - showed no change from February.

The March workweek averaged 39.7 hours, down 0.1 of an hour from the prior month, but unchanged from the March 1991 level. Production workers averaged $9.76 per hour in March, up five cents compared to the February figure and one cent compared to a year ago.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed to 8.1 percent in March, representing an increase of four-tenths of a percentage point from the February estimate of 7.7 percent. The state's unadjusted rate also posted a monthly increase - from 8.3 percent in February to 8.9 percent in March. Correspondingly, the March jobless total rose to 46,000, showing an increase of 3,500 from the February level. One year ago, the Rhode Island adjusted and unadjusted rates stood at 7.9 and 8.7 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed was estimated at 44,600.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate in March was unchanged from the February estimate of 7.3 percent. The unadjusted U.S. rate decreased to 7.7 percent in March from the previous month's estimate of 8.1 percent. One year ago the unemployment rates for the nation were estimated at 6.7 percent (adjusted) and 7.1 percent (unadjusted).

***REMINDER*: TDI Exemption** - *Minors 14 and 15 years of age are exempted from paying Temporary Disability Insurance contributions and receiving TDI benefits.*

REPORTING QUARTERLY WAGE RECORD INFORMATION

All employers who have two hundred or more employees are required to file quarterly wage record information (detailed listing of employees' earnings) on magnetic tape. If you have less than 100 employees and an IBM compatible system that can produce diskettes, DET will provide you with a free software package which can be used to report your quarterly wages. Once the wage file is set in place, you need only update it at the end of each quarter. Spin the report out to a 5 1/4" or 3 1/2" diskette and mail it to the Department of Employment and Training, P.O. Box 1029, Providence, RI 02901-1029. If you have between 100 and 200 employees and wish to report electronically, you must submit your quarterly wages on magnetic tape. (Diskette will not hold more than 100 employees.)

Questions concerning the reporting of wages on either magnetic tape or diskette should be directed to the Wage Record Unit at (401) 277-3521.

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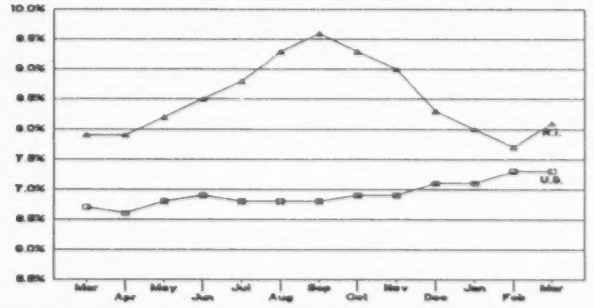
RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1992	Feb.* 1992	Mar.* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	514.0	511.8	512.1	
Resident Employment	468.1	469.3	467.5	
Unemployment	46.0	42.5	44.6	
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.9	8.3	8.7	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	8.1	7.7	7.9	*Revised

UNITED STATES
Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
Civilian Labor Force	125,797	125,386	124,443
Resident Employment	116,106	115,224	115,639
Unemployment	9,691	10,161	8,804
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.7	8.1	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.3	7.3	6.7

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
Seasonally Adjusted, Mar. 91 – Mar. 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991	NET CHANGE FROM Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	413.2	412.2	420.4	+ 1000	- 7200
GOODS PRODUCING	97.9	98.3	105.0	- 400	- 7100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.9	10.8	12.6	+ 100	- 1700
MANUFACTURING	87.0	87.5	92.4	- 500	- 5400
SERVICE PRODUCING	315.3	313.9	315.4	+ 1400	- 100
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.3	14.2	14.6	+ 100	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	84.9	84.8	86.8	+ 100	- 1900
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.2	25.2	26.6	-----	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	128.4	128.1	124.2*	+ 300	+ 4200
GOVERNMENT	62.5	61.6	63.2	+ 900	- 700

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

MARCH 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	87.0	387.47	39.7	9.76
DURABLE MFG.	58.2	381.91	39.7	9.62
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.2	416.21	37.7	11.04
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.1	425.17	40.3	10.55
PRIMARY METALS	3.4	435.28	42.8	10.17
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	348.15	38.3	9.09
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.1	524.92	44.0	11.93
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.4	378.74	39.7	9.54
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.4	485.69	41.3	11.76
INSTRUMENTS	6.1	424.99	38.6	11.01
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.3	301.44	38.4	7.85
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	377.88	40.2	9.40
NONDURABLE MFG.	28.8	399.99	39.8	10.05
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	407.00	39.4	10.33
TEXTILES	7.7	377.56	43.1	8.76
APPAREL	1.1	249.56	36.7	6.80
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	390.10	41.5	9.40
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	468.25	31.3	14.96
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	467.53	40.2	11.63
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.6	443.12	38.7	11.45
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	433.49	40.4	10.73
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	280.40	40.0	7.01

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - APRIL 1992

Overall Rhode Island wage and salary jobs advanced from March to April primarily attributable to seasonal gains in Construction, Trade and Services. The April job total of 414,800 represented a monthly increase of 1,700, but remained 6,700 below the April 1991 figure of 421,500.

Employment among the Service Producing industries increased 1,200 from the prior month to the April level of 316,300. This figure was unchanged from the year earlier level. Seasonal gains in Miscellaneous Services and Wholesale/Retail Trade boosted monthly job totals by 1,200 and 1,000, respectively. Overall Government employment declined 700 over the month, mainly due to a decrease in the local government segment. Monthly job reductions were also evident in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (-200) and Transportation & Public Utilities (-100).

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector totalled 98,500 in April, reflecting an increase of 500 from March, but a downturn of 6,700 compared to a year ago. Contract Construction employment rose seasonally in April climbing to 11,400, up 500 from the March figure, but down 1,800 from the April 1991 level. Total Manufacturing employment, at 87,100, showed no change from the previous month; however, the April figure represented an annual reduction of 4,900 factory jobs. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly job loss of 200, while employment in Nondurable Goods increased by a like amount. Within the factory segment, monthly employment increases of 100 each occurred in Fabricated Metals, Jewelry/Silverware, Textiles, Apparel and Chemical Products. These gains were offset, however, by decreases of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Miscellaneous Manufacturing and Food-Beverage. Job totals for the nine remaining industries - four in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged over the month.

The April work week averaged 39.6 hours, down 0.2 of an hour from March, but unchanged from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.81 per hour in April, reflecting an increase of two cents from March and eight cents compared to the April 1991 level.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose for the second consecutive month in April. The April estimate of 9.3 percent represented an increase of 1.2 percentage points from the March level and 1.4 percentage points from the April 1991 rate of 7.9 percent. The State's unadjusted rate also posted a monthly increase - from an estimated 8.9 percent in March to 9.6 percent in April. In concert with this, the jobless level climbed to 49,500 in April, showing an increase of 3,500 from the month earlier total. One year ago, Rhode Island's unadjusted rate stood at 8.2 percent, while the number of unemployed was estimated at 41,600.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate in April (7.2 percent) reflected a decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point from the March estimate of 7.3 percent. The unadjusted U.S. rate fell to 7.1 percent in April from the previous month's estimate of 7.7 percent. One year ago the unemployment rates for the nation were estimated at 6.6 percent (adjusted) and 6.5 percent (unadjusted).

**** *IMPORTANT !!* ****

FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX CREDITS

The Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) is 6.2% of the first $7,000 in wages paid to each employee. Up to 90% of the FUTA Tax may be offset by employer contributions paid to the State Unemployment Insurance fund during the year.

We recently have been informed by the Internal Revenue Service that some employers are overstating contribution amounts paid to the State Unemployment Insurance fund on FUTA 940 forms by including payments made for Temporary Disability Insurance and/or Job Development Fund taxes.

When entering the amount of contributions paid into state (Rhode Island) Unemployment funds on the 1992 Federal 940 form, be sure to include only the amounts from item 9 on the 1992 Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training's Quarterly Tax and Wage Reports (DET-TX-17).

Further information on this subject may be obtained by calling the department's Tax Unit at 277-3682.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1992	Mar.* 1992	Apr.* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	516.5	514.0	508.7	
Resident Employment	467.1	468.0	467.1	
Unemployment	49.5	46.0	41.6	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.6	8.9	8.2	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.3	8.1	7.9	*Revised

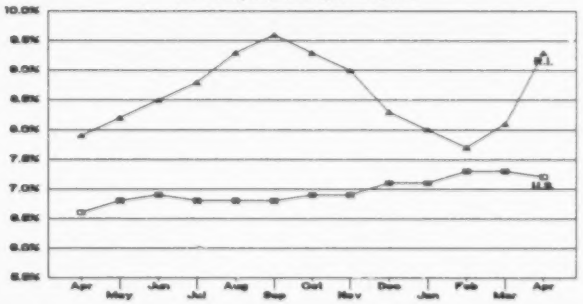
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
Civilian Labor Force	125,878	125,797	124,727
Resident Employment	116,933	116,106	116,678
Unemployment	8,945	9,691	8,049
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	7.7	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.2	7.3	6.6

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, Apr. 91 – Apr. 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991	NET CHANGE FROM Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	414.8	413.1	421.5	+ 1700	- 6700
GOODS PRODUCING	98.5	98.0	105.2	+ 500	- 6700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.4	10.9	13.2	+ 500	- 1800
MANUFACTURING	87.1	87.1	92.0	-----	- 4900
SERVICE PRODUCING	316.3	315.1	316.3	+ 1200	-----
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.1	14.2	14.4	- 100	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	85.8	84.8	87.8	+ 1000	- 2000
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.0	25.2	26.4	- 200	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.7	128.5	126.5	+ 1200	+ 3200
GOVERNMENT	61.7	62.4	61.2	- 700	+ 500

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

APRIL 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	87.1	388.48	39.6	9.81
DURABLE MFG.	58.1	385.26	39.8	9.68
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.2	399.97	37.0	10.81
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	440.82	39.5	11.16
PRIMARY METALS	3.3	441.32	44.0	10.03
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	368.55	37.8	9.75
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	542.10	45.1	12.02
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.4	370.72	38.9	9.53
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.4	466.76	40.1	11.64
INSTRUMENTS	6.1	423.38	38.7	10.94
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.4	310.86	39.3	7.91
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.9	366.52	39.2	9.35
NONDURABLE MFG.	29.0	395.14	39.2	10.08
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.7	397.03	41.4	9.59
TEXTILES	7.8	367.74	40.5	9.08
APPAREL	1.2	240.75	32.8	7.34
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	410.22	43.0	9.54
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	451.65	32.1	14.07
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	467.48	40.3	11.60
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.6	460.19	39.4	11.68
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	439.29	40.6	10.82
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	267.03	38.7	6.90

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - MAY 1992

Total nonagricultural wage and salary jobs increased 3,500 from April to 418,000 in May. Seasonal gains in Trade, Services and Contract Construction were predominantly responsible for the monthly upturn. On an annual comparison, the May job total remained 8,700 below the year earlier figure of 426,700.

Employment among the state's Service Producing industries stood at 319,500 in May, showing a gain of 3,300 from April, but a decrease of 1,900 compared to a year ago. Wholesale/Retail Trade and Miscellaneous Services employment recorded seasonal increases of 1,600 and 1,400, respectively. Monthly job gains were also evident in Transportation & Public Utilities (+200) and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (+100). Government employment showed no change in the April-May period.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector, at 98,500 in May, registered a slight increase (+200) from April; nevertheless, the May total was down 6,800 from the May 1991 level. Contract Construction jobs rose seasonally (+300) over the month; however, the May employment figure of 11,700 showed a decline of 2,000 compared to a year ago. Factory jobs totalled 86,800 in May, representing a monthly decrease of 100 and an annual reduction of 4,800. Manufacturers of Nondurable Goods posted a monthly loss of 100 jobs while employment in Durable Goods was unchanged. Monthly job gains of 100 each in Fabricated Metals and Jewelry-Silverware were more than offset by downturns of 100 each in Transportation Equipment, Instruments and Chemical Products. Job totals for the fourteen remaining factory segments - six in Durable Goods and eight in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from April.

The May work week averaged 40.6 hours, up one hour from the prior month and 0.8 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.80 per hour in May, down three cents from April, but up nine cents compared to the May 1991 level.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May was unchanged from the April estimate of 9.3 percent. The State's unadjusted rate fell two-tenths of a percentage point - from 9.6 percent in April to 9.4 percent in May. Corresponding to this decline, the jobless total dropped to 48,700 in May from an estimated 49,600 in April. A year ago, the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted Rhode Island rates were estimated at 8.2 and 8.3 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed stood at 42,600. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate rose to 7.5 percent in May, from the previous month's estimate of 7.2 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point - from an estimated 7.1 percent in April to 7.2 percent in May. One year ago, the unemployment rates for the nation were placed at 6.8 percent (adjusted) and 6.6 percent (unadjusted).

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WORKFORCE 2000

BUSINESS / INDUSTRY REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Workforce 2000 Council plans to issue business / industry Requests for Proposals (RFPs) this summer. Definite dates have yet to be determined. The RFPs will focus on business- / industry-specific training programs. RFPs for target populations and literacy activities were issued in April for programs to begin on or after July 1, 1992, and Fifty-three proposals (thirty-four for target population, nineteen for literacy) were received.

For the upcoming RFP issue, Workforce 2000 has started a mailing list of employers who will be sent information as it becomes available. Employers interested in being on this list may call 277-6700 and ask for Melissa Wood.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	May 1992	Apr.* 1992	May* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	518.2	516.5	513.1	
Resident Employment	469.5	466.9	470.5	
Unemployment	48.7	49.6	42.6	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.4	9.6	8.3	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.3	9.3	8.2	*Revised

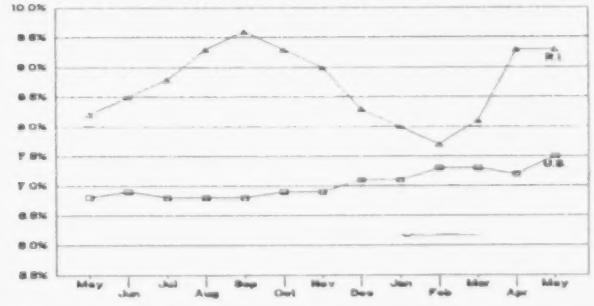
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991
Civilian Labor Force	126,705	125,878	124,857
Resident Employment	117,535	116,933	116,624
Unemployment	9,169	8,945	8,233
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.2	7.1	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.5	7.2	6.8

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted May 91 - May 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991	Apr. 1992	May 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	418.0	414.5	426.7	+ 3500	- 8700
GOODS PRODUCING	98.5	98.3	105.3	+ 200	- 6800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.7	11.4	13.7	+ 300	- 2000
MANUFACTURING	86.8	86.9	91.6	- 100	- 4800
SERVICE PRODUCING	319.5	316.2	321.4	+ 3300	- 1900
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.3	14.1	14.5	+ 200	- 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	87.4	85.8	89.8	+ 1600	- 2400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.0	26.5	+ 100	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	131.1	129.7	129.2	+ 1400	+ 1900
GOVERNMENT	61.6	61.6	61.4	-----	+ 200

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

MAY 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES		
		Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	86.8	397.88	40.6	9.80
DURABLE MFG.	58.0	393.82	40.6	9.70
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.2	429.26	39.6	10.84
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	443.59	40.4	10.98
PRIMARY METALS	3.4	472.16	45.4	10.40
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	368.60	38.8	9.50
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	544.00	44.7	12.17
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.4	372.84	39.0	9.56
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.2	488.68	41.1	11.89
INSTRUMENTS	6.0	443.72	41.2	10.77
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.5	315.21	39.9	7.90
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.9	367.49	39.6	9.28
NONDURABLE MFG.	28.8	405.41	40.5	10.01
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.7	383.94	40.5	9.48
TEXTILES	7.7	380.95	42.9	8.88
APPAREL	1.2	244.65	35.0	6.99
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.5	424.10	43.1	9.84
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	451.56	31.8	14.20
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	489.50	41.1	11.91
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	460.98	39.4	11.70
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	463.76	43.1	10.76
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	272.34	39.7	6.86

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JUNE 1992

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Rhode Island stood at 418,000 in June, unchanged from the prior month's level. Monthly employment increases in the Goods Producing industries, Wholesale/Retail Trade and Transportation/Public Utilities were offset by education-related employment declines in Miscellaneous Services. The June job total was 10,500 below the year ago figure of 428,500.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector advanced 1,000 from May to June, but was down 6,900 from the June 1991 level. Contract Construction, at 12,300, and Manufacturing, at 87,100, posted monthly job gains of 600 and 400, respectively. Compared to a year ago, however, the former segment reflected a decline of 2,000 while the latter registered a drop of 4,900. Within the factory segment, manufacturers of Nondurable Goods recorded a monthly upturn of 400, while employment in Durable Goods showed no overall change. Employment levels in Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery, Food-Beverage, Textiles, Paper Products and Plastics Products rose by 100 over the month. These gains overshadowed monthly decreases in Jewelry-Silverware (-200) and Primary Metals (-100). Job totals for the ten remaining factory segments - five each in Durable and Nondurable Goods - showed no change from the previous month.

The June work week averaged 40.9 hours, up 0.4 of an hour from May and one hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.77 per hour in June, reflecting a monthly decline of three cents, but an annual increase of five cents.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 318,600 in June, representing a downturn of 1,000 from May and a reduction of 3,600 from the year earlier level. Seasonal hiring in Trade, which was below normal levels, resulted in a monthly job gain of 700. Job levels in Transportation & Public Utilities increased by 400 over the month. In contrast, Miscellaneous Services employment fell by 2,100, primarily attributable to declines in private education. Employment levels in both Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and overall Government were unchanged from May to June.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted rate climbed to 9.7 percent in June, up four-tenths of a percentage point from the May level and 1.2 percentage points from the June 1991 estimate of 8.5 percent. The State's unadjusted unemployment rate in June was unchanged from May's level of 9.4 percent. The jobless total rose by 400 in the May-June period to 49,300. One year ago the number of unemployed was estimated at 42,300, or 8.2 percent of the labor force.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate rose to 7.8 percent in June from the prior month's level of 7.5 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate increased by six-tenths of a percentage point from an estimated 7.2 percent in May to 7.8 percent in June. One year ago, both the adjusted and unadjusted unemployment rates for the country stood at 6.9 percent.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1992	May* 1992	June* 1991
Civilian Labor Force	522.1	518.3	514.4
Resident Employment	472.8	469.5	472.0
Unemployment	49.3	48.9	42.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.4	9.4	8.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.7	9.3	8.5

*Revised

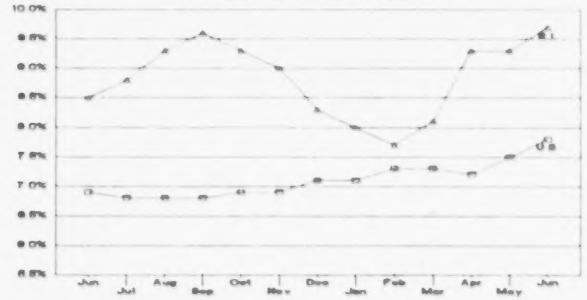
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Civilian Labor Force	129,002	126,705	127,054
Resident Employment	118,907	117,535	118,280
Unemployment	10,095	9,169	8,774
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	7.2	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.8	7.5	6.9

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted June 91 - June 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	NET CHANGE FROM May 1992	June 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	418.0	418.0	428.5	- 0	- 10500
GOODS PRODUCING	99.4	98.4	106.3	+ 1000	- 6900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.3	11.7	14.3	+ 600	- 2000
MANUFACTURING	87.1	86.7	92.0	+ 400	- 4900
SERVICE PRODUCING	318.6	319.6	322.2	- 1000	- 3600
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.7	14.3	14.8	+ 400	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.2	87.5	91.2	+ 700	- 3000
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.1	26.7	-----	- 1600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.0	131.1	127.7	- 2100	+ 1300
GOVERNMENT	61.6	61.6	61.8	-----	- 200

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JUNE 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	87.1	399.59	40.9	9.77
DURABLE MFG.	57.9	396.32	40.9	9.69
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.2	398.94	36.6	10.90
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	437.09	40.1	10.90
PRIMARY METALS	3.3	478.67	45.2	10.59
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	375.48	39.4	9.53
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.1	566.08	46.4	12.20
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.5	379.06	39.2	9.67
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.2	500.82	41.7	12.01
INSTRUMENTS	6.0	430.25	39.4	10.92
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.3	312.66	40.5	7.72
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.9	359.60	39.3	9.15
NONDURABLE MFG.	29.2	407.13	41.0	9.93
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	392.70	42.0	9.35
TEXTILES	7.9	384.98	44.2	8.71
APPAREL	1.1	257.35	36.4	7.07
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	424.95	43.9	9.68
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	436.19	31.7	13.76
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	498.13	41.1	12.12
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	477.58	39.6	12.06
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	456.04	41.8	10.91
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	275.53	40.4	6.82

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JULY 1992

Total Rhode Island wage and salary jobs declined from June to July with decreases evident in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing sectors. The July job level of 411,600 represented a monthly decrease of 6,400 and was 6,600 below the prior year's figure of 418,200.

Overall employment among the Goods Producing industries dropped to 96,200 in July - down 2,900 from June and 6,200 on an annual basis. Contract Construction jobs increased by 100 to July's level of 12,400, but fell 1,800 from the July 1991 figure. Reflecting decreases primarily attributed to vacation-related closings, factory jobs declined 3,000 over the month to 83,800, which represented a reduction of 4,400 compared to a year ago.

Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a downturn of 2,400 jobs from the previous month while employment in Nondurable Goods fell by 600. The largest monthly job cutbacks occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,000), followed by Fabricated Metals and Textiles (-400 each). Monthly job reductions of 200 each occurred in Electrical Machinery, Instruments, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

Payroll levels in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Paper Products, Chemical Products, and Rubber Products decreased by 100 each from June. The only monthly job gain (+100) in the factory segment was recorded in Food/Beverage, while the five remaining factory segments - Stone-Clay-Glass, Apparel, Printing-Publishing, Plastics Products and Leather Products showed no change.

The July work week averaged 40.4 hours, down 0.6 of an hour from June, but up 1.2 hours from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.89 per hour in July, an increase of nine cents from the prior month and a gain of eleven cents compared to July 1991.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 315,400 in July, showing a downturn of 3,500 from June's level and a decline of 400 from the July 1991 figure. Overall Government employment was down 3,400 from June to July (primarily due to a decline in education-related employment). A monthly decrease of 200 was posted in Wholesale/Retail Trade, while employment in Miscellaneous Services and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate showed no change. The only job gain (+100) for the month occurred in Transportation & Public Utilities.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 9.2 percent in July, it was announced today by Director John M. Robinson. This month's rate is down six-tenths of a percentage point from an estimated 9.8 percent in June, but up four-tenths of a percentage point compared to the July 1991 estimate. The state's unadjusted rate was unchanged from the prior month's level of 9.4 percent. The number of unemployed Rhode Island residents rose slightly (+200) over the month to 49,500 in July. One year ago the jobless total was estimated at 46,100 or 8.9 percent of the labor force.

Nationally, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted unemployment rates reflected monthly declines. The former estimate fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 7.7 percent, while the latter decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to an estimated 7.6 percent in July. One year ago the unemployment rates for the nation stood at 6.8 percent (seasonally adjusted) and 6.7 percent (unadjusted).

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- *a revised edition of the **Directory of Labor Market Information**, a publication jointly prepared by DET and the Rhode Island Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (RIOICC) which contains listings of printed and non-printed sources of statewide and national labor market information. Written requests for free copies of these issues may be addressed to:*

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	July 1992	June* 1992	July* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	528.7	522.1	519.5	
Resident Employment	479.3	472.8	473.4	
Unemployment	49.5	49.3	46.1	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.4	9.4	8.9	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.2	9.8	8.8	*Revised

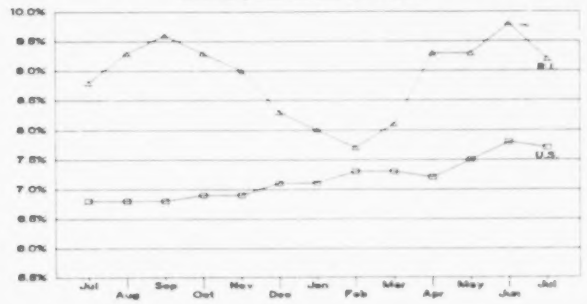
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	July 1992	June 1992	July 1991
Civilian Labor Force	129,600	129,002	127,327
Resident Employment	119,754	118,907	118,751
Unemployment	9,845	10,095	8,576
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	7.8	6.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.7	7.8	6.8

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, July 91 - July 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) July 1992	June 1992	July 1991	NET CHANGE FROM June 1992	July 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	411.6	418.0	418.2	- 6400	- 6600
GOODS PRODUCING	96.2	99.1	102.4	- 2900	- 6200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.4	12.3	14.2	+ 100	- 1800
MANUFACTURING	83.8	86.8	88.2	- 3000	- 4400
SERVICE PRODUCING	315.4	318.9	315.8	- 3500	- 400
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.7	14.6	14.6	+ 100	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.0	88.2	90.5	- 200	- 2500
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.1	26.6	-----	- 1500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.3	129.3	126.7	-----	+ 2600
GOVERNMENT	58.3	61.7	57.4	- 3400	+ 900

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JULY 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	83.8	399.56	40.4	9.89
DURABLE MFG.	55.2	394.36	40.2	9.81
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.1	427.05	39.8	10.73
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	435.78	40.5	10.76
PRIMARY METALS	3.2	471.50	45.6	10.34
FABRICATED METALS	6.8	400.61	41.6	9.63
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	558.87	45.4	12.31
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.3	377.86	38.4	9.84
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	5.7	458.85	39.9	11.50
INSTRUMENTS	5.8	443.91	40.1	11.07
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	16.3	311.12	38.6	8.06
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.8	338.15	37.2	9.09
NONDURABLE MFG.	28.6	408.44	40.6	10.06
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	382.39	42.3	9.04
TEXTILES	7.5	372.75	42.6	8.75
APPAREL	1.1	241.50	35.0	6.90
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	398.94	41.6	9.59
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	507.32	32.9	15.42
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	482.75	39.7	12.16
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.6	452.80	38.9	11.64
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	479.98	44.9	10.69
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	265.69	38.9	6.83

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - AUGUST 1992

Total Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs rebounded somewhat in August as a result of workers returning to their jobs following the traditional July vacation closings. Although the August job total of 413,200 represented a monthly gain of 1,900, it was 7,100 below the previous year's level of 420,300.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector, at 98,600, registered an increase of 2,400 from July, but a decline of 7,300 compared to a year ago. Contract Construction jobs rose to 12,500 in August, a gain of 100 from the prior month, but a loss of 1,800 from the August 1991 total. Reflecting the return of workers from the July vacation period, Manufacturing employment advanced by 2,300 over the month; however, at 86,100, this sector showed a reduction of 5,500 jobs from the figure reported a year ago. The Durable and Nondurable Goods Producing industries posted monthly upturns of 2,000 and 300, respectively. Employment in Jewelry-Silverware registered the largest July-August gain (+1,000), followed by Fabricated Metals (+500), Nonelectrical Machinery (+500) and Textiles (+300). In addition, smaller monthly increases (+100) were recorded in Electrical Machinery, Miscellaneous Manufacturing, Apparel and Leather Products. These factory gains more than offset monthly job losses (-100) in Primary Metals, Instruments, Food-Beverage and Rubber Products. The remaining seven industrial categories - three in Durable Goods and four in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from July.

The August workweek averaged 39.9 hours, down 0.7 of an hour from July, but up 0.1 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.90 in August representing a monthly gain of four cents and an annual increase of 28 cents.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 314,600 in August, showing a decrease of 500 from July; nevertheless, compared to a year ago, the August job level posted an increase of 200. Within this sector, the only monthly employment increase (+200) occurred in Miscellaneous Services. This gain was overshadowed by declines in overall Government (-400), Wholesale/Retail Trade (-200) and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (-100). Employment in Transportation & Public Utilities showed no change in the July-August period.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by a tenth of a percentage point over the month - from an estimated 9.3 percent in July to the August level of 9.4 percent. The State's unadjusted unemployment rate dropped to 9.2 percent in August, down two-tenths of a percentage point from the July estimate of 9.4 percent. The number of unemployed Rhode Island residents fell from 49,700 in July to 49,100 in August. One year ago the unemployment rates for the State stood at 9.3 percent (adjusted) and 9.0 percent (unadjusted), while the jobless total was estimated at 46,800.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate declined to 7.6 percent in August compared to the July figure of 7.7 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate fell to 7.3 percent, down three-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month's level of 7.6 percent. One year ago the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates for the country were placed at 6.8 and 6.5 percent, respectively.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1992	July* 1992	Aug.* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	531.2	528.9	522.8	
Resident Employment	482.1	479.1	476.0	
Unemployment	49.1	49.7	46.8	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.2	9.4	9.0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.4	9.3	9.3	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991
Civilian Labor Force	128,473	129,600	126,097
Resident Employment	119,082	119,754	117,859
Unemployment	9,390	9,845	8,237
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.6	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.6	7.7	6.8

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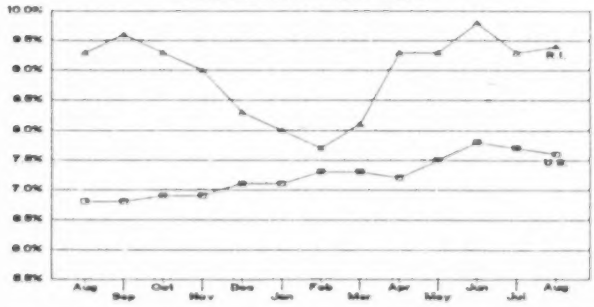

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991	NET CHANGE FROM July 1992	Aug. 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	413.2	411.3	420.3	+ 1900	- 7100
GOODS PRODUCING	98.6	96.2	105.9	+ 2400	- 7300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.5	12.4	14.3	+ 100	- 1800
MANUFACTURING	86.1	83.8	91.6	+ 2300	- 5500
SERVICE PRODUCING	314.6	315.1	314.4	- 500	+ 200
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.8	14.8	14.8	-----	-----
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	87.8	88.0	90.2	- 200	- 2400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.0	25.1	26.4	- 100	- 1400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.4	129.2	126.4	+ 200	+ 3000
GOVERNMENT	57.6	58.0	56.6	- 400	+ 1000

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

AUGUST 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	86.1	395.01	39.9	9.90
DURABLE MFG.	57.2	386.10	39.6	9.75
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.1	428.80	38.7	11.08
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	423.72	41.5	10.21
PRIMARY METALS	3.1	436.79	39.6	11.03
FABRICATED METALS	7.3	378.34	39.7	9.53
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.5	508.67	43.7	11.64
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.4	369.51	37.4	9.88
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	5.7	474.01	39.9	11.88
INSTRUMENTS	5.7	404.27	35.4	11.42
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.3	316.01	39.9	7.92
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.9	376.35	39.0	9.65
NONDURABLE MFG.	28.9	413.71	40.6	10.19
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	379.39	41.6	9.12
TEXTILES	7.8	370.31	41.1	9.01
APPAREL	1.2	248.49	35.6	6.98
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	414.83	42.2	9.83
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	538.71	35.7	15.09
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	502.65	40.7	12.35
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.6	483.44	40.9	11.82
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	473.63	44.1	10.74
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.5	261.49	39.5	6.62

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